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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/01/04 and telephone interview on 10/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7,8,10-22,24,25,31-45,47,48,51 and 52 have renumbered as 1-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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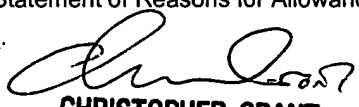
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Steven R. Biren (Reg. 26,531) on June 22, 2005 and on October 14, 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 23, 46 have been cancelled.

Claim 31:

In lines 1-3, the limitation "At least one medium readable by a data processing device and embodying software arranged to perform the following operations: " has been replaced by **"A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing the method comprising:"**

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In line 9, the limitation "the at least one medium" has been replaced by **"the computer readable medium"**

In line 15, the limitation "the software" has been replaced by **"the computer-executable instructions"**

Claim 32:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

In line 2, the limitation "the software" has been replaced by **"the computer-executable instructions"**.

Claim 33:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

In line 2, the limitation "the at least one medium" has been replaced by **"the computer readable medium"**.

Claim 34:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Claim 35:

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In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

In lines 1-2, the limitation "the software" has been replaced by **"the computer-executable instructions"**.

Claim 36:

In lines 1-3, the limitation "At least one medium readable by a data processing device and embodying software arranged to perform the following operations:" has been replaced by **"A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing the method comprising:"**

In line 9, the limitation "the software" has been replaced by **"the computer-executable instructions"**

Claim 37:

In lines 1-3, the limitation "At least one medium readable by a data processing device and embodying software arranged to perform the following operations:" has been replaced by **"A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing the method comprising:"**

In line 9, the limitation "the software" has been replaced by **"the computer-executable instructions"**.

Claim 38:

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In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Claim 39:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Claim 40:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Claim 41:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Claim 42:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Claim 43:

In lines 1-3, phrase "At least one medium readable by a data processing device and embodying software arranged to perform the following operations:" has been

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replaced by **"A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing the method comprising:"**

Claim 44:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Claim 45:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

In line 2, the limitation "the software" has been replaced by **"the computer-executable instructions"**.

Claim 47:

In lines 1-3, the limitation "At least one medium readable by a data processing device and embodying software arranged to perform the following operations:" has been replaced by **"A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing the method comprising:"**

Claim 48:

In line 1, the limitation "The at least one medium" has been replaced by **"The computer readable medium"**.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 7-8, 10-22, 24-25, 31-45, 47-48, 51-52 are allowed, as indicated in the Office Action mailed on 10/20/2004.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Son P. Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-7295. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher C. Grant can be reached on 571-272-7294. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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